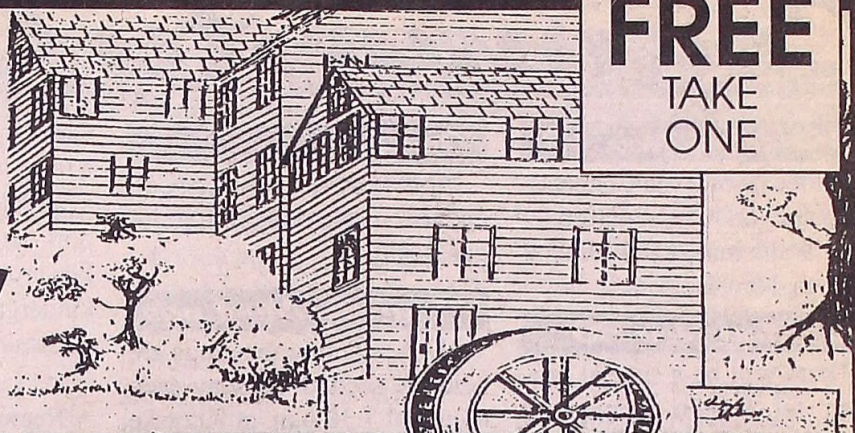


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Treasurer Adkins Resigns

At the November 10 Huron Township Board meeting Treasurer Scott Adkins ann-



Scott Adkins

ounced his resignation from his office effective December 10, 1999. He advised the board that he had taken a position with Bath Township as the Town-

ship Superintendent.

For those that consider themselves part of the Huron beltway, the resignation was anticipated. Another newspaper had actually reported on the resignation several weeks ago so it was not a surprise to a lot of folks.

We at *The Weekly* had also known about the impending resignation but extended professional courtesy to the Treasurer and allowed him to make his own announcement.

Scott was first elected to his post in 1996 when six of the seven board members were replaced by the voters. Following a successful recall of the Supervisor, he also faced a recall effort along with Township Clerk Dawnette Bowers and Trustee Nora Adkins. In both the general and recall elections his margin of victory was impressive.

During the time that he served he took on his duties with a refreshing vigor and actively involved himself in the issues facing the township. He did not just limit his activities to the Treasurer's office which is important for all the full-time executives on board.

In a brief speech to the board and public he expressed his dismay for the "politics in the Township." He concluded that "perhaps he was not a politician." He went on to say he had always desired an appointed job in township or city government and did not care for an elected position. He stated his education was in this area and the opportunity that was presented him by Bath Township was too good to turn down.

He thanked all the residents for their support and spoke highly of the community he has lived in all his life. The Adkins

family has played prominent roles in the community and in particular The Village of Waltz. Scott grew up in a political family and it was only natural that someday he would either run for office or serve in some sort of administrative capacity.

Scott advised the board he had applied for the pending administrative position in Huron Township but was frustrated in his efforts. This caused him to contact other communities and had actually received two offers. He eventually chose Bath Township because of its similarity to Huron Township. Ironically, he accepted the position of Superintendent for Bath Township which is a similar position that is being contemplated by Huron Township.

Scott asked the board to accept his resignation effective December 10. Prior to the vote,

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Front row left to right: Jenny, Ashleigh Reid, Katie Schueren, Justin, Brittany Coles, Charlotte Crisher, Antasia Murphy, Bill. Second row left to right: Debbie, Courtney Lynn Wyatt, Lynsy Burczyk, Jessica Blankenship, Melissa Ross, Rachel Kime, Daneen Nielser. Stage row left to right: Joe Prater, Jeff Prater, Tommy Sparks.

They Were Great!

Halloween was so-o-o scary except for in the Pavilion at Apple Charlie's.

Their very first talent contest took place. Apple Charlie intends to hold this gala every year so check your *Weekly* next fall.

Joe Prater's Band played, the contestants sang and danced, the audience ate the good food and a great time was had by all.

The winners in 18 and over were Debbie first place, Bill second place, and Jenny third place. In the 18 and under category they were Courtney Lynn

Wyatt first place, Ashleigh Reid second place, Justin and Lynsy Burczyk tied for third place, Charlotte Crisher fourth place, Daneen Nielsen, Brittany Coles, and Antasia Murphy tied for fifth place, Katie Schueren came in sixth place, Melissa Ross seventh place, and Rachel Kime and Jessica Blankenship were tied for eighth place.

Huron Township has such an abundance of talent.

Thank you, Charlie, for letting them have a showcase.

Community Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 18

Coffee Hours with Congresswoman Lynn Rivers. 4:30-6:00 p.m., Waltz Inn, 28104 Mineral Springs, New Boston.

Tuesday, Nov. 30

There will be a special program for Brown Elementary students on Tuesday, November 30 at 9 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 22

Commissioner Sullivan will host a coffee hours on Mon., Nov. 22, 1999, 9 a.m., Red Apple Restaurant, Main Street in downtown Belleville.

Daily

1999 Historical Society Calendars on sale daily at Reininger Realty.

Monthly Meetings

HAA monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Krzyske Community Center. All monthly meetings are open to the public.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Preschoolers) meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at St. John's Lutheran

Church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. There is free child care available. Come for rest, support, crafts, and affirmation. For mothers of infants through kindergarten-age children. For information call 783-2651.

Recreation Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Huron Athletic Boosters meet the first Tuesday of each month. Call 654-3781 for info.

Third Thursday of the month September through May, Huron River Riders Horse Club monthly meetings 7:30 Krzyske Center, Waltz. New members always welcome.

Public Safety Commission meets third Monday of each month at the Krzyske Center at 7:30 p.m.

V.F.W. Post 6040 meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Krzyske Center in Waltz, at 7 p.m.

Township Meetings

Board of Trustees meet second and fourth Wednesday of

the month at 7:30 at the Krzyske Center in Waltz.

Planning Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Historical Society meets the third Wed. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Applefest Building.

Historical Commission meets the second Thursday of each month at the Township Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Senior Citizens

Huron Township Senior Citizens. Waltz Group: Pres., Alice McGrew, 753-5954. Meetings:

First Tues. of the month noon, sandwich/cards. Third Tues. of the month, noon, pot luck and cards. Fifth Tues. of the month 1 p.m., cookies/cards.

New Boston Group: President: Edna Curistan, 782-3470. Meetings: First Wed. of the month, 12:30 p.m. Third Thurs. of the month, 4:30 p.m., pot luck.

Events at Senior Center of Merriman Road: Meals on wheels every day. Hot meals every day 11:30 a.m. Call Linda (Crickett) Thompson at 782-5190. Card party every Mon. 12:30 p.m.. Quilting every Tues. 9-11:30 a.m. Trips are offered. Call Michelle at 782-2626.

Commodities may be picked up the fourth Tuesday of each month between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Of General Interest

Perennial herbs needed for a colonial herb garden being developed in the fall at the Samuel Adams Historical Museum. Remember us when you are dividing your perennial herbs. For more info. please contact Georgette Heron-Willoughby or Johan Sutton at State Farm. 753-3447.

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Georgette Heron-Willoughby

This week I chose to share an excellent accompaniment to seafood or just about anything for that matter.

Everyone has eaten mashed potatoes, but sometimes you just want something a little different. So I have an easy

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Don't forget to send in your recipes for the *Al Fresco* Cooking Contest.

Please let me know how I'm doing with the column or if you have any questions. I really like to hear from my readers.

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Weekly-Al Fresco, P.O. Box 472, New Boston, MI 48164, or fax 734-753-4417.

Do you have a favorite dish that you just can't seem to find the recipe for? How about a dish you had and just loved but never had the recipe for? I welcome requests!

Mashed Potatoes w/garlic & onion

6 medium Potatoes -	1 large or 2 small
peeled and cubed	cloves Garlic -
lightly salted cold	minced
water for boiling	2-3 tbs. Butter
potatoes	1/4 cup Milk
1/3 cup Onion -	2 tbs. Butter
minced	

Melt 2-3 tbs. butter in a non-stick skillet, add the onion and garlic. Saute on a low heat, stirring often to maintain equal cooking. Start the potatoes at the same time as they onion and garlic. When the potatoes are tender, drain them. Add 1/4 cup milk (a little more if needed) and 2 tbs. butter to the potatoes, mash them smooth. Stir in the onion and garlic, blend well. Serve warm.

*For ultimate flavor let the onion and garlic get golden brown.

Debate: Newspaper Article Promotes Debate

by LARRY O'KELLEY
Freelance Writer

Editor's note: This is part two of a continuing series.

Beginning with the November 11 issue we began to present the summaries of the school administrator's response to the October 24 Detroit News/Free Press article that rated all of the school districts in the Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties. The Huron School District was given a "D."

We thought the administrator's response was excellent and rate it an "A" and we would like to share the information that was given to the school board and the public that was in attendance. This week we present Renton Junior High.

The Junior High

Principal Doug Babcock spoke of his three years as principal and presented a summary of six target areas for review. The target areas were class size, drop out rate, MEAP averages, N.C.A. (North Central Accreditation), ACT testing and parental involvement.

Regarding testing, he felt the science portion for the eighth grade was weak and mentioned it was not challenging enough in some aspects. He spoke of a project where the students literally had to "watch ice melt."

He spoke proudly of increased parental involvement and mentioned a recent dance were 24 parents chaperoned.

Principal Babcock presented the following for the board and public review.

Class Sizes

The following is the class sizes for the last three years. The reason for the additional teachers is that we have two teachers that share time between St. Stephens and Renton.

The formula is: (total students) divided by (teachers) = average class size.

4th Wednesday count, teachers, average class size.

1997-1998, 442 students, 21.2 teachers, average class size 21.0.

1998-1999, 491 students, 22 teachers, average class size 22.3.

1999-2000, 471 students, 22.2 teachers, average class size 21.4.

Including special education students:

1997-1998 442*6=2652 (students *6 hours), 106 sections (teachers *5 hours), average class size 25.05.

1998-1999 491*6=2946 (students *6 hours), 110 sections (teachers *5 hours), average class size 26.78.

1999-2000, 471*6=2826 (students *6 hours), 111 sections (teachers *5 hours), average class size 25.45.

Class sizes without special education students.

13 sections of special education classes *6 students (average) = 78 students.

1997-1998, 2652-78=2578 students- special education students, 106-13=93 regular education teachers-special education, average class size 27.7 students per class.

1998-1999, 2946-87=2868 students- special education students, 110-13=97 regular education teachers-special education, average class size 29.56 students per class.

1999-2000, 2826-78=2790 students- special education students, 111-13=98 regular education teachers-special education, average class size 28.46 students per class.

Drop-Out Rate

At the junior high we have not had any dropouts in the last three years. In this category, we would like to praise the board for following through on recommended expulsions over the last three years. Of the six students that have come before the board for permanent expulsion or long-term expulsion, four of the students have or are still out-of-school. The effect on the climate of the school has improved greatly since the board has taken a firm approach with these types of students.

We have also made changes in the in-school suspension room. It is now called the planning room so that a student may plan or change

behaviors in addition to "time out" from the regular class.

MEAP Average

Following is the comparison and contrast of the MEAP scores for the last three years.

Seventh grade reading: We are above the state MEAP in the first two categories of student proficiency. To strive for a high level of comprehension, our school has reinstated a class that focuses on just reading.

Seventh grade math: Our district is above the state MEAP in this category. The purchase of new textbooks and the alignment of curriculum in the district has improved student's scores for the district. Without the direction of a curriculum director, our staff has

worked hard to align the math curriculum. It is very hard to try to align all the buildings and grade levels without suffering loss in the day-to-day operations. Huron School District has started a program of pre- and post-testing to help the students reach their greatest potential.

Eighth grade writing: In the last three years our districts have been either number one or number three in the state. Efforts are continually being made to retain this level.

Eighth grade science: Scores show that we are above the state average in all categories except eighth grade science. As a staff at Renton, we have contacted WRESCA consultant Joyce Fouts to help

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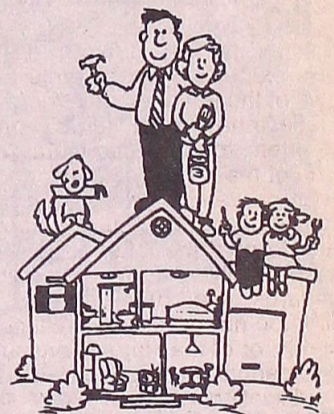
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demonstrations, including a teddy bear maker and a basket weaver. Crafts will be available for purchase.

Eric and Tammy Painter 23008 Country View Lane

This contemporary home was built in 1998. An open floor plan, with a soaring cathedral ceiling in the Great Room, makes quite a statement.

We hope you enjoy your tour which includes the Great Room, formal dining room, den, and master bedroom suite decorated in a traditional Christmas theme.

Decorated by the homeowners.

Bob and Gloria Wild 24605 E. Huron River Dr.

This antebellum Victorian house is owned by a family that loves Christmas! The family room features a Victorian tree. The live tree in the living room is decorated in a traditional manner and there is a children's tree in the library. Note the collection of angels displayed throughout the home. Please enter through the east driveway and exit the west driveway.

Decorated by the homeowners.

The Bennett Family 29428 Walnut St.

Welcome to our two-story,

ivy covered, brick home. The home was built in 1939. We hope you enjoy the Candlewick Glass collection displayed throughout the house. You will know children live here when you see their brightly decorated bedrooms. Look for the hand-made christening gown in the nursery and the baby quilt in the hall — made by our children's grandmother.

Decorated by: Angel's Arbor and the homeowners.

Jeff and Gail Potratz 29305 Walnut St.

Our home was custom built in 1940 and purchased in 1993, from the original owners. As you enter our home we hoped you will feel the warmth of the original woodwork and hardwood floors, stone fireplace, built-in shelves in the living room and

built-in china cabinet in the dining room. We have tried to keep the traditional look when updating each room. Please notice the touch of angels throughout the home. When you go upstairs, off of our daughter's bedroom, you will find the attic converted to a playroom, every child's favorite room in the house. We hope you enjoy viewing our Christmas decor and collectibles and leave our home with a warm Christmas spirit.

Decorated by: Ray Hunter Florist and the homeowners.

Bruce and Cheryl Hammond 26733 Emma

Construction of this house began in September of 1978 by the Downriver Vocational Consortium. The students of the Building Trades Classes of Flat Rock, Carlson, Airport, and Huron were the main source of construction plans, layout, and building operation led by Mr. Ray Amo, their instructor. The interior is spacious with a homey and relaxed atmosphere. For Christmas, specific themes have been used for the living room, family room and master bedroom.

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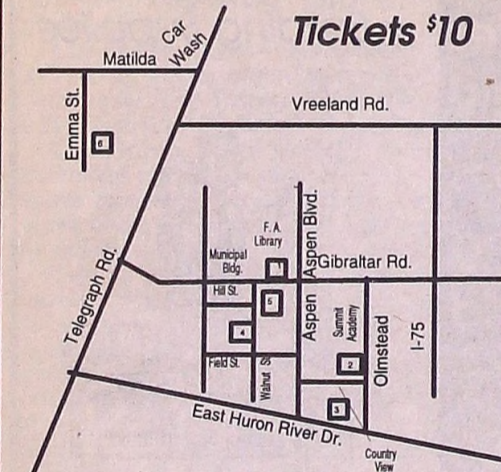
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# Michigan Rocks

by MARK CLARK

Welcome to Michigan Rocks. Hope you enjoy this Carl Perkins, Merle Travis, Bob Wills and The Texas



The Starlight Drifters



The Deluxtone Rockets

The band includes Bill Alton on lead vocals (he reminds me of Rodney Crowell), Chris Casello on numerous guitars, Rudy Varner on upright bass and Marc Gray on drums.

Their newest CD "Every Note A Pearl" certainly lives up to its name and features 13 tracks including eight originals. My favorites are "Dear Baby," "Drivin' Nails In My Coffin," "She Just Misses Elvis (sometimes)" and "The Way I Walk." This is a great CD and is available at all Hamony House Locations.

## The Deluxtone Rockets

The Ypsilanti-based Deluxtone Rockets formed 1996. Greatly influenced by bands/artists such as Rev. Horton Heat, Royal Crown Revue, Social Distortion, Frank Sinatra and Elvis, their sound can best be described as "Swing with a pscobilly edge."

The band has just released their self-titled debut album on the California based Tooth & Nail Records. Lyrically their songs offer up a Christian



Valerie

response about cars, partying and sin. 7 Ball Magazine says that the band plays "gritty rockabillyswing," led by vocalist/ guitarist Johnny "the

ace" "Rocketti, who has one of those Commander-Cody-meets-Elvis and Johnny Cash at the drive in voices and he plays  
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month's featured artists. As always, for comments/questions contact me through the paper or at [jmpclark@globalbiz.net](mailto:jmpclark@globalbiz.net).

## The Starlight Drifters

The Starlight Drifters, from Ann Arbor are considered to be one of the best rockabilly bands in the nation. Blue Suede News says their latest CD "Every Note A Pearl," "catapults the band into the top five of the great '90's American swinging honky tonkin' rockabilly bands."

Drawing their inspiration from artists like early Elvis,

Playboys, Chet Adkins and Duanne Eddy, the band's name is a blend of an old Sun Records group, The Starlight Wranglers and Hank Williams band, The Drifting Cowboys.

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# Horoscope



William Grover

## Scorpio October 24 - November 22

Apples on the ground. Life has calmed. Family members, friends visit. Small children delight you and you them. Your place in family unit is secure. Is hunting in your future? Look forward to good days ahead. *Lucky #031.*

## Sagittarius November 23 - December 21

Hope you bought that

## Your Cosmic Link For The Week Of November 18 - November 24

turkey by now. Or are you the turkey? Ask spouse for opinion. Trip north good although you forgot to take "sights" and warm clothes. Why did you go? Fess up! Others will. *Lucky #125.*

## Capricorn December 22 - January 20

Jobs available. Show you are worth the money. Can't sit around when work to do. Holiday approaching. Is house ready? Be prepared for unexpected visits from friends and relatives. *Lucky #113.*

## Aquarius January 21 - February 19

Old dog sits contented on couch. Eyes say it all. Is there deer meat in your future or do you have to wait for turkey? You say "Oh well," and "who

cares." Spouse happy. Family happy. Florida looking good. *Lucky #124.*

## Pisces February 20 - March 20

No one can call you a turkey. You are right on target. Not the target! Family members rely on your opinion but don't be too hasty to answer questions. Spouse away hunting? Have fun. You know how! *Lucky #315.*

## Aries March 21 - April 20

Bang! Bang! Bang! Did you get one? Maybe, spouse hopes not. Enjoy days and nights while hunter away. It's your time to have fun, too. Children doing well in school. Do holiday shopping now. Avoid the rush. *Lucky #407.*

## Taurus April 21 - May 21

Be strong. Someday you won't feel like the deer being sighted in. Learn to escape danger but need to except when you are safe and relax. Don't be in such a hurry. Others are there for you. *Lucky #430.*

## Gemini May 22 - June 21

Turkey! Turkey! Turkey! Yeah, that's you!! No ques-

tion. No answer! All know! children ask for items you prefer not to buy. Have you lost your ability to rule the roost? Turkey! *Lucky #617.*

## Cancer June 22 - July 23

You stink through woods. Hide in blind? Or are you blind. Others laugh at your stories of the one you missed. Did spouse get one? Are you left holding the bag? Video tells all. Don't fast forward this one. *Lucky #722.*

## Leo July 24 - August 23

Are you abandoned by someone with deer fever? Or can you only wish. Brighten up house for the holidays. Make things your way this time. You deserve it! Kitchen has cooled down, may be time to try some old favorite recipes. *Lucky #824.*

## Virgo August 24 - September 23

Children, children. Everywhere children. TV's, VCRs, toys. Is enough, enough? Where is that holiday meal this year? Are you stuck, stuffing the turkey? Don't forget to add spices to love life, too! *Lucky #904.*

## Libra September 24 - October 23

Now, really! Why do you

expect others to believe that same old story. Or are you the one "snowballed?" You think ahead to holidays but need to think of today and tomorrow. Fix them first. *Lucky #025.*

*\*For entertainment purposes only.*

## Maggie's Musings



Margaret O'Kelley

Welcome children to Stoney Creek Metro Park's new Zoology Exhibit. See the deer being slaughtered by the hunters. Learn a lesson in survival. Remember man has the gun or bow and arrow, this is what makes him superior.

A special thank you to Commissioner Sullivan for the paving of Violet and Shook Roads, and the Wayne County Road Commission. They are great!

Now let's do something about the other approximately 30 square miles of wagon rutted roads in Huron Township. Maybe we are finally joining the 21st Century with our infrastructure.

To all the citizens and chuzches that gave me moral and spizitual support dizing my recent illness. It meant to much to me and my family. What a wonderful community to be from. A special thanks to the Huron Township E.M.S. for theiz quick response. All the cards and prayers were greatly appreciated.

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## Adkins

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Trustee Glabb asked for the effective date of his employment with Bath Township. He advised the starting date had not been set but his resignation date was due in part to the heavy tax season.

The board accepted his resignation and set a deadline of December 8 at 5 p.m. for acceptance of applications of the job of Treasurer.

The vacant position will be

filled by appointment by the remaining six board members. It is anticipated the board will interview the candidates and attempt to arrive at a decision. The board has set a special meeting on December 8 at 5:30 p.m. to consider this matter. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Board is scheduled for December 15.

We at *The Weekly* will keep the public informed of this important appointment and we also wish Scott and his family

well as they begin this new experience and move to Bath

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and jump and you are back to Huron for a visit.

# Classifieds

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## Debate

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us with this part of the test. We are currently using MEAP coach books in the classroom to improve scores and familiarize with the test.

### ACT Testing

For the last three years, we have focused on the test-taking preparation and concentration on the MEAP. This coordination between the schools has resulted in progress on all of the scores for the last three years. These results should impact the students who are going to be taking the test in the next few years as compared to those on the last three.

### Parent Involvement

Parents in the community are involved in the schools as evidenced by the numbers that show up in open houses and parent teacher conferences. Our parents chaperone the bi-monthly dances. Parents also chaperone field trips. One of our target goals with the NCA is a career and hands-on activity day. We are going to invite

parents into the school to help with different areas and talk and demonstrate careers. This day is going to take place sometime in May.

### NCA Accreditation

Our school is in the second year of this process. AT the present time, we are preparing for our first visitation. Renton has established a student profile, which the board has received. This ongoing process will be updated annually. We have finalized our target goals and a presentation will come to the board shortly.

### Summary

There is a tremendous amount of positive activities in our schools that numbers cannot predict or evaluate. These changes are in facilities, upgrades in textbooks, curriculum, and technology. We as a district, have achieved growth in the categories that were evaluated. The progress in future reports will show that there is improvement. There is a consistent learning trend taking place, and this will help the students to become lifelong learners and achievers.

## Rocks

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guitar in the Chuck Berry/Johnny Be Good school."

Now I'm not really sure if the Rev. Jerry Falwell would approve of their brand of turbo-charged gospel, but these kids rock and I think the Deluxtone Rockets area blast. My favorite cuts are "Be Bop A Go Go," "Hi Fi Daddy," "God's Cadillac" and "Rumble with the Devil." This CD should be available at your local Christian bookstore or contact the band at: The Deluxtone Rockets, P.O. Box 970043 Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

### Valerie

Valerie is actually a hot new group on the local music scene

that features the songwriting team of Valerie Gregory and Mark Meisel, who have been writing music together since their teens.

Their debut CD featuring five songs was released this past summer to pretty much rave reviews. Real Detroit Magazine said that the CD "shines ... and is an all around good time." The songs "Change Things" from their CD was included on the "Oklahoma City Tornado Relief" compilation CD with the proceeds going to aid the Oklahoma City Red Cross. They have also had much success at MP3.com where their CD has been ranked in the "Top 10 CD's" in all of MP3.com. For more info go to [www.valerieworld.com](http://www.valerieworld.com).

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